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FCC RELEASES DATA ON BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 COLLECTED THROUGH FCC FORM 477

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The Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureaus) today released data on fixed and mobile broadband deployment as of December 31, 2014. These data were collected through FCC Form 477 and are available on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Data – FCC Form 477 webpage at www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/broadband-deployment-data-fcc-form-477. Today marks the first time the Commission has released broadband deployment data collected through Form 477. Previously, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration collected data on broadband deployment through its State Broadband Initiative and made these data available for download at www.broadbandmap.gov/data-download.

Users can download data on the census blocks where providers report offering fixed broadband services to at least part of the block. These data tables also indicate the technology used to offer the service and the maximum advertised download and upload speeds for both consumer and business services. They are available in a CSV (comma separated value) format for the entire United States and for individual states.

Coverage area maps showing mobile broadband network deployment for each combination of provider and network technology are also available for download. These data are available in shapefiles, a file format used to store, depict, and analyze geospatial data. All of the shapefiles show coverage nationwide. Users can download a single, large zip file containing all provider coverage areas or a zip file for an individual provider. The Bureaus plan to post at a later date tabular data in a CSV format showing mobile coverage.

The Bureaus also have provided an explanation of the modifications made to the data prior to its release and a description of the fields in the fixed broadband deployment data. This information is available on the Explanations of the Broadband Deployment Data webpage at www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/explanation-broadband-deployment-data. Unless otherwise noted there, the Bureaus have released the data as filed.

Providers can make revisions or corrections to their previously-filed Form 477 data at any time. If filers submit a significant number of changes, the Bureaus may release additional versions of the fixed and mobile broadband deployment data as of December 31, 2014.

Additional information on Form 477 is available on the Form 477 Resources for Filers webpage at www.fcc.gov/form477. For any questions related to the fixed broadband deployment data, please contact Chelsea Fallon at Chelsea.Fallon@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7991, or Ken Lynch at Kenneth.Lynch@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7356. For any questions related to the mobile broadband deployment data, please contact Melvin Del Rosario at Melvin.DelRosario@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0615, or Alex Rybak at Alex.Rybak@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0697.